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Subject: Response to comments provided by the LATAG on the draft Conceptual Site Model for Operable Unit #4 of the Libby Asbestos Site

Dear Gayla,

Enclosed, please find a set of responses to the comments that the Libby Area Technical Advisory Group (LATAG) provided to EPA Region 8 on the draft Conceptual Site Model (CSM). The Agency has taken these comments under consideration and, to the extent practicable, adjusted the CSM accordingly. The Agency acknowledges we have not fully incorporated all of your comments and that there are some issues, such as the extent to which we need to evaluate ingestion pathways, that will remain somewhat controversial. However, taken as a whole, we believe that the revised CSM will offer a comprehensive blueprint with which to design our future sampling investigations and Risk Assessment. If you have any further questions, please contact me at (303) 312-6808. Thank you for your input.

Sincerely,

Paul R. Peronard  
Libby Team Leader